

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR AIREDALE ACADEMY SIXTH FORM 2019-20

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1. Introduction

At Airedale Academy Sixth Form we offer a limited number of vocational qualifications at Level 3, some of which require certain minimum grades at GCSE level. We strive to ensure that all students accepted into the Sixth Form are placed on appropriate courses where they are likely to succeed. In order to do this we interview or audition all applicants. This is undertaken by subject leaders or the Head of Sixth Form.

There is no expectation that students from Year 11 will automatically apply to the Sixth Form and the school gives equal time to a wide range of providers to help to ensure that students find the course that is right for them and that careers guidance is impartial.

We accept applications from students wishing to come to Airedale Academy Sixth Form from other schools. In all cases the same admission criteria will apply.

2. Expressing a Preference

Application for admission to Airedale Academy Sixth Form, including pupils currently attending the school, be made via the online prospectus and common application process www.wakefieldprospectus.co.uk or through the school's website link.

3. Admissions criteria

3.1 Entry into Year 12

Admission to the Sixth Form will be from:

- i. Pupils in Year 11 at the school; and
- ii. Pupils from outside of the school.

Students between the ages of 16 and 18 years will be considered. The entry requirements for admission to the Sixth Form shall be the same for students on roll in Year 11 at the school and external applicants.

Students will be admitted into the Sixth Form at the start of the autumn term in each school year although there may be some occasions when the students transfer during the academic year.

3.1.1 Academic requirements

For entry onto our vocational courses we require a minimum of:

- 4 GCSE passes at A*-C/4-9 from at least four subject disciplines and to include English and Maths'.

Please note that for the purposes of this requirement:

- Applied subjects at GCSE will count as 1 GCSE
- BTEC and OCR courses will count as 1 GCSE
- Core and Additional Science will count as separate GCSEs

Students who we have interviewed and feel are suitable for a particular course but do not achieve a grade 4 or above in GCSE English and/or Maths, will have these subjects added to their programme of study. When students achieve a grade 4 or above they will be given the choice of whether to continue to study these subjects.

Students applying for the BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts will be expected to attend an audition as well as an interview. This will involve a song or dance piece of no more than two minutes in length and a monologue of the students' choice, followed by a formal interview.

Meeting the requirements of any course is no guarantee that the student will automatically be offered a place on a preferred choice of course. In some cases students who do not meet the academic requirements but have shown a particular aptitude for a subject, may be offered a place.

3.2 Entry into Year 13

Year 12 students who successfully complete the requirements of the first year of the course will be offered a place on the second year of the course unless their behaviour and/or attendance has become a particular cause for concern (they have reached the final warning stage of the Student Code of Conduct).

3.3 Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of eligible applicants for a course of study exceeds the places available then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:

- i. Applications from internal candidates who are predicted to meet the academic requirements
- ii. Students with siblings at the school in September 2019. Siblings are defined as brothers or sisters (including step brothers and sisters) living at the same address as their primary place of residence); and
- iii. All remaining places will be offered to those students who have the better performance predicted at GCSE for their subject specific requirements or who have the more successful audition.

4. Appeals

Any student refused a place in the Sixth Form has the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel.

5. False Information

The Academy reserves the right to withdraw any place offered on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

6. Timetables for Admission

6.1 Students on roll in Year 11 at the school 2019-20

- Student to complete application form December
- Interviews/auditions January/February
- Taster/induction sessions in subject areas
- Publication of GCSE results August
- School agrees/refuses the admission August/September
- Decision communicated to parent/student September
- Independent Appeals September

6.2 External Students (first joining school 2019-20)

- Student to complete application form December
- Interviews/auditions January/February
- Taster/induction sessions in subject areas
- Publication of GCSE results August
- School agrees/refuses the admission August/Sept
- Decision communicated to parent/student September
- Independent Appeals September

7. Late Applications and Transfers

Late applications will be considered up to the end of September. Course changes will be considered up to the end of September. Where an application is received on behalf of a student who has moved into the area during the school year, it will be considered in accordance with the minimum entry requirements and oversubscription criteria.

The right of appeal will also apply to late applications and transfers.